दिखायी गया, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण थे; और

(ग) "विश्वामित्र" की अभी और कितनी कड़ियां दिखाई जानी हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : (क) दूरदर्शन द्वारा तैयार की गयी मासिक प्रसारण सूची में फीचर फिल्म "मिली" शामिल की गयी थी और पूर्व सप्ताह में की गयी घोषणा के अनुसार इसे 17-12-89 को दूरदर्शन पर दिखाया गया था ।

(ख) जी, हां । भारत-पाकिस्तान क्रिकेट टेस्ट मैच का सीधा प्रसारण दिखाने के लिए कार्यक्रम समय की फिर से समायोजन करने के कारण "विश्वामित्र" धारावाहिक 10-12-1989 को प्रसारित नहीं किया गया था ।

(ग) इस धारावाहिक की शेष चार कड़ियां अभी प्रसारित की जानी हैं ।

Management of Disputed Kannagi Temple

204. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long pending dispute of managing the famous "Kannagi Temple" situated between Tamil Nadu and Kerala; and

(b) what steps are being taken to settle the issue?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) There is divergence of views between Governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in regard to the location of Kannagi temple. Both the State Governments have been advised to consider settling the matter through bilateral discussions. Good offices of Govt. of India are always available to the State Govts. in this regard.

Request for Dual citizenship by the people of Asian Indian Descent in USA

205. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a memorandum submitted to the former Prime Minister by the New York Organisation of the National Association of the Americans of Asian Indian Descent have requested for Dual Citizenship and for investment in India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the areas in which the investment has been sought; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNA AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Association of Americans of Asian Indian Descent (NAAAID), a New York based organisation, submitted a Memorandum to the former Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi. The Memorandum called for grant of Dual Citizenship for NRIs; removal of visa restrictions; equal access in all sphares of economic activity; and the right to own immovable property in India by NRIs.

(c) The position of the Government on the demands in the Memorandum is as follows:—

(i) *Dual Citizenship for NRIs:* It is not considered feasible at present to grant Dual Citizenship.

(ii) *Removal of Visa restrictions:* Visa restrictions are based on reciprocity and can not be done away with unilaterally. However, the Visas for NRIs have been greatly liberalised.

(iii) & (iv) *Equal access in all spheres of economic activity; and right to own immovable property in India:* NRIs holding Indian Citizenship are treated at par with resident Indians for purposes of participating in all spheres of economic activity in India. Persons of Indian origin holding foreign citizenship are, however, not permitted to purchase agricultural/plantation property in India. NRIs can purchase property for residential purposes subject to the permission of the R.B.I. under Section 31 (1) of FERA. They can also purchase property necessary for carrying on commercial activities subject to clearance from the Reserve Bank of India under Section 29 of FERA.

Loss of video cassettes and Defence matter from Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar

206. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some important video cassettes on the strategic Siachin Glacier showing improtant locations and deployment of Indian troops have been found missing from the archives of Srinagar Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, conducted by Government into the missing video cassettes of vital military importance stating the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) Reports to this effect appearing in a Section of the press were not substantiated on enquiry.

Fresh formula for resolving boundary dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka

207. SHRI VISHWAS RAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any fresh formula resolving the boundary dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of India have been of the view that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and towards this end the Central Government will be glad to extend all possible assistance to them.

Expansion of communication facility in Maharashtra

208. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken by Government for expansion of Communication facility in remote and interior areas of Maharashtra ; and

(b) what is the number of Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges which are proposed to be opened in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) During the period 1-4-85 to 31-10-89, 203 new post offices have been opened in the rural areas of Maharashtra.